

City of South Bend

July – August 2021



Hello Neighbor,

I hope your summer is off to a great start! As I've said for the last few newsletters, please sign up for the COVID-19 vaccine at ourshot.in.gov so we can put this pandemic behind us.

If you've already been vaccinated, please share your experience with friends, family, and neighbors. Getting the vaccine is easy, safe, effective, and free.

If you or someone you know is having trouble keeping up with rent or utility payments, I encourage you to learn more about the St. Joseph County Rental Assistance Program. For qualifying tenants, the program can provide up to twelve months of rental assistance and can also help pay for past due utility expenses. To find out more about the program and how to apply, please visit sjcindiana.com/era.

The Venues Parks and Arts team and other community partners are excited to offer Best. Week. Ever. again this year from August 1 through August 7. On the back of this newsletter you'll find more information about this year's events. I am so excited that we are able to safely come together again and celebrate our community, and I look forward to seeing you there!

I also wanted to highlight a new state program for you that can help cover the cost of early childhood, summer, and after-school programming. The Family and Social Services Administration's Build Learn Grow initiative is accepting applications and will award 50,000 scholarships statewide for families working in essential industries. Learn more and apply by visiting BuildLearnGrow.org.

Additionally, if you've got an interest in exploring the installation of solar panels for your home or business, the recently formed Northern Indiana Solar Co-Op can help. The nonprofit co-op is free to join and can help South Bend residents and business owners receive full retail rate net metering benefits before that mechanism expires next year. Learn more at bit.ly/SUNNorthernIN.

Thanks for reading, and I look forward to seeing you soon!

Sincerely,

Mayor James Mueller

Clerk's Corner

Greetings, South Bend!

As the South Bend City Clerk, I am proud to announce that Parking Ticket Amnesty Week will take place July 26th – July 30th. Parking Amnesty forgives late fees associated to parking violations. If you have any questions, please contact the Ordinance Violation Clerk Gabriel Murei at 574-235-9462

As we slowly return to a sense of normalcy after COVID-19, it is a good time to spot and reflect on what kind of new normal we want for all of us. It would be wonderful if we could embrace the language written on the banner of WUBS 89.7FM Community Radio that has been displayed on Transpo buses and now in high traffic businesses stating, "Spreading Love Starts With Me".

If the coronavirus taught us many lessons, but one that we must never forget is it spread indiscriminately and quickly. As we see the spread of violence rearing its ugly head around us we must continue to heal and there is no better medicine than love. We can and will defeat violence because love is contagious and brings about effectual and positive changes in our lives and those around us, therefore making a vibrate and well community. So, let us all agree "Spreading Love Starts With Me". You can stop by 702 Lincolnway West for your free magnetic banner or go to www.wubsradio.com and copy the from there.

Faithfully submitted by Pastor Sylvester Williams. Jr.

Best,

SIGNATURE EVENT SCHEDULE //

SUNDAY // AUGUST 1:

Rebel Art Fest

Potawatomi Park // 12pm-8pm // Free!

Make South Bend will kick-off BWE 2021 with their curated showcase of local makers, artists, and musicians with the best modern craft, design, and sound. There will be a DIY craft station, food vendors, beer garden, and more.

MONDAY-TUESDAY // AUGUST 2-3:

See SB

All Over South Bend // All Day // Free & Ticketed Upgrades

Introducing two full days of opportunities to explore everything South Bend has to offer!

We're teaming up with museums, restaurants, and retailers to provide special experiences on Monday and Tuesday throughout South Bend. See SB will have one-time discounted rates, special promos and even some of our signature "Surprise & Delight" sprinkled throughout! In addition to all the special promotions already happening, upgraded packages will be available that provide exclusive access to diverse experiences across South Bend.

WEDNESDAY // AUGUST 4:

Best. Wednesday. Ever.

Corner of Western Ave. and Liberty // 4pm-8pm // Free!

There is something for the whole family to enjoy as West Side South Bend heads up this outdoor festival celebrating the West Side neighborhood. You will experience local favorite cuisine, family activities, incredible live music, and more. The kids zone has free family friendly activities and music. There will also be a beer tent for those 21+. Remember all the family and kids activities will be free! Free to enter and free to ride! The only things for sale will be food, drinks and vendor items. This is a great night of celebration on the West Side.

THURSDAY // AUGUST 5:

Best. Baseball Game. Ever.

Four Winds Field // 6pm-10pm // Ticketed

It's baseball night in South Bend! Cheer on the South Bend Cubs during their Best. Baseball Game. Ever! This family-friendly evening isn't just about baseball - it'll also feature a special hot air balloon glow after sunset. Belly up to the incredible food options and just enjoy the fun atmosphere at Four Winds Field. Tickets are on sale now at <https://www.milb.com/south-bend>.

Curious Quest for Chromatic Treasure Hunt

Begins at SB Museum of Art // 6pm-10pm // Ticketed

The Curious Quest for Chromatic is an immersive, story-based treasure hunt that will take participants all over town to find the ultimate missing treasure. Participants will collect clues from interesting characters in locations throughout South Bend. While only one team will win the ultimate grand prize, smaller prizes will be available throughout the evening that everyone can win!

FRIDAY // AUGUST 6:

Best. First Fridays. Ever.

Downtown South Bend // 5pm-10:30pm // Free!

Two full days of opportunities to explore everything South Bend has to offer! We're teaming up with museums, restaurants, and retailers to provide featuring live music, dining & retail specials, art receptions, kid-friendly activities, and much more. The August Best First Fridays Ever will have a "Flashback Friday" theme, celebrating the 80s with a special concert in the street by The 1985, encouraging people to dress up in vintage and retro clothing, and also featuring a Studebaker car show, Retro ROC UR BODY, Fireworks, touch-a-truck, and more! On the east side of the river, dueling pianos will be facing off at Howard Park at the event lawn for all to enjoy.

SATURDAY // AUGUST 7:

Brunch on the Bend

Century Center Island // 9am-1pm // Ticketed

Who doesn't love a late morning of waffles, eggs and specialty drinks? Local vendors will unite at the Century Center Island for a morning of brunching and music. Bring the family, grab your girlfriends or make it date.

JOIN US! AUGUST 1-7

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BEST. WEEK. EVER.

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SCAN ME

Use your camera app on your phone and point it toward the QR code to take you directly to the website.